

JOHN J. CHILD.

Biography from the Lehi Centennial History

John J. Child came to Lehi with his family in 1875 and has continuously made it his home since that time.

He was born in Pennsylvania, near Philadelphia, in 1831. When seven years old he moved with his parents to Belleville, Illinois, where he lived a free life in the woods and grew up accustomed to hard work on the farm.

The death of his mother when he was but nine years old left him one of four motherless children, two boys and two girls. The family was held together by each snaring the burden of providing and caring for home.

In 1853 Mr. Child became a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and, with his father's entire family, came to Utah. He lived at Taylorsville for three years and then moved to St. John, Tooele County, where he lived until he came to Lehi.

Mr. Child married Elizabeth de St. Jeor January 8, 1861. He is the father of twelve children, six boys and six girls. During most of his married life he has been engaged in farming and stock raising. Among his working associates he was ever a favorite, and among the Indians with whom he had much to do in the early settlement of Tooele County, he was known as a "heap good man." He often served in settling disputes between the whites and Indians, and sometimes among Indians themselves.